

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the first full paragraph on page 1 with the following rewritten paragraph:

Field of the Invention

The present invention relates to a closure which reacts to heat for sprinklers and nozzles, according to the precharacterizing clause of Patent Claim 1.

Please replace the third full paragraph on page 1 and ending on page 2, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Background of the Invention

DE 27 03 459 discloses a sprinkler nozzle for vertical, hanging and horizontal installation with a nozzle body and a baffle plate, which is connected to the nozzle body by means of at least two supporting elements which act on the edge of the baffle plate, as well as an arrangement which blocks the nozzle opening of the sprinkler nozzle in the readiness mode and which comprises a closure element (which is seated in a sealing manner on the nozzle opening) and an initiating element which exerts a closing force on the closure element, which initiation results in the closing force on the closure element being cancelled out, such that it opens the nozzle opening immediately and completely for the extinguishing water jet to emerge. The closing element is provided with an ejection apparatus which, once the closing

force has been removed, moves away together with the forward propulsion force of the extinguishing water jet, with the ejection apparatus being detachably supported on parts of the sprinkler nozzle that are firmly connected to one another, when said sprinkler nozzle is in the readiness position.

Please replace the first full paragraph on page 3 with the following rewritten paragraph:

Summary of the Invention

The present invention is now based on the object of improving a closure, which reacts to heat, for sprinklers and nozzles for stationary fire extinguishing systems of the type mentioned initially, such that they hold back the pressurized extinguishant, and open immediately, completely and without adversely affecting the spray pattern on reaching a critical, previously determined rated temperature in the area, and thus initiate the extinguishing function reliably, without any impediment and on an urgent basis.

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Brief Description of the Drawings

In the drawing:

Please replace the tenth full paragraph beginning on page 4 with the following rewritten paragraph:

Detailed Description of the Invention

The apparatuses on which the invention is based are suitable for use with all possible extinguishants, such as water, chemicals and gases.